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GRIZZLY SPORTS COLUMN

MISSOULA -- With Montana's football Grizzlies slated to resume grid warfare Saturday against Denver in the Mile-High City, MSU coach Ray Jenkins commented this week on one recent rule change that has benefitted the Grizzlies considerably this season--the celebrated "wild card" substitution rule.

"The new rule has helped us, and I hope it stays in effect," Jenkins says. The change, initiated this season, allows one player to enter the game between each play without being charged as a substitution. This enables coaches to get specialists into the game, and also out of the game in a hurry when the ball changes hands.

"We have a number of younger men on the team this season who just aren't experienced enough to go both ways," Jenkins comments. "The wild card rule allows us to play inexperienced men in certain situations."

Several examples have cropped up in Montana's games this season. Jenkins generally substitutes a new backfield when the Grizzlies are on defense. This involves switching Rich Birgenheier of Harlowton for Pat Dodson of Shelby on defense, and so on down the line. When the Grizzlies regain the ball, Dodson goes back on the field as an offensive halfback.

Other Grizzly sophomores who have seen considerable action under this arrangement are halfbacks Ron Werba and Dick Miller, end Bill Bouchee of Livingston, guards Jack Shevalier of Helena and Dan Peters of Butte, and quarterback Bill Stack of Butte.

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